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PROGRAMS

- April 4th - Business meeting and ? ? ? ? ? Board of directors meeting following the club meeting.
- April 5th - Saturday 8:30pm special meeting of club with members of the Naval Radio School as guests of the club. For this special meeting Mr. R. J. Kryter of the Esterline Angus Co. will present "Making Big Ones out of Little Ones". This deals with the use of microscopes. If you have heard "Bob" before we know you will be there. Talk it up over the air. Meeting is open to all.
- April 11th - Mr. R. B. Annis will present Dynamic Balancing of Rotating Parts. This program will show some unusual applications of radio equipment. Mr. Annis has been working on this for some time so he will have all the answers.
- April 18th - Business meeting and ? ? ? ? ? Board of directors meeting will be held upon adjournment of club meeting.
- April 25th - Mr. Davidson of the Bell Telephone Co., who talked to the club on the code practice oscillators used in teaching radio code, will be with us. He will talk on "Ballistics of Rifles and Pistols."

Let's all turn out Saturday and meet the Naval Training Boys with a good word of cheer. A large percentage of these fellows are hams and they will feel right at home with the gang. (Even though home is many miles away).

INFORMATION

Included in this issue of AMACHEWER is a questionnaire. Club members please fill it out and return to the club in the envelope included. This information will be filed so that quick action on any emergencies and ARRL club questionnaires may be taken. The club does not have any of the information on file at the present time so this will serve to correct this condition. Whenever any change of address or other information shown on the blank changes, please get the correction to the Secretary so that the changes may be made in the records.

ACTIVE

W9RTH, the new local ham, and an XYL at that, also a product of one of our code schools is on the air and the fellows are taking turns working her.

W9RSP, Joe Wiley is a new local ham.

W9NYO, Charley Ankenbrock, formerly with Van Radio, is now at WIBG. We wonder if he will find time to work that new 807 final that he is working on.

W9QUF, Ralph Smith, hailing from Council Bluffs, Iowa, was a supper guest of YMV and XYL, Wednesday, March 5th. For the occasion Becky put a spread on the table that made Ralph forget that he had been away from home for three months. Ralph is a member of the Naval Radio School. Later in the evening JYP and DNQ and their YL's stopped in and all pitched in to get the AMACHEWER folded, addressed and ready for mailing. Thus it can be said that there was plenty of help in preparing the past issue of our paper.

Fritz, W9VPN, Manning did not meet with much success in promoting a contest for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 meter construction. Boys, the field is wide open down there, why not get behind him and make a go of these frequencies. Our club secretary arose to the occasion and you will find his thoughts on the matter elsewhere in this issue. Let's go U. H. F. and revive the lagging interest.

MEMBERSHIP

This is the third issue of AMACHEWER to be sent to all the hams in Marion Co. in the hope of interesting more of these hams in joining the Indianapolis Radio Club, Inc. As stated before the Amateur as an individual hasn't much to go on but as an organized body he can, and does, protect his rights and privileges he has earned in the development of the short waves. Thus it is you owe it to yourself to join up with us in order we might present a solid front to any disrupting forces which might take away our rights.

Set down now and fill out the application included in last months issue of AMACHEWER and you will begin participating in the benefits a club such as this can offer. - Social contact, educational programs and fellowships that will last for life.

ODE TO SPRIG

It ain't cause Fritz got in his hair
That YMV is off the air,
It must be Spring that brought the mood
That urged poor Roy, his rig to move.

He pushed it here and shoved it there,
Without A worry, or a care.
Alas, alack, the wires got crossed,
A flash of fire and all was lost.

Oh, Woe, cried he in accents blue,
I really don't know just what to do.

But cheer up Roy, the fire is out,
No reason, now, why you should pout.

With just a bit of fasting there,
Your rig will soon be on the air.

Author Unknown.

LET'S GO U. H. F.

Being an old timer, at least relatively, we have often paused to reminisce of the Good Old Days, and all they meant to us and to the radio fraternity as a whole

True, time has proven most of those happy days we spent in blissful ignorance, and pointless piddling, but who is there who will say it was all to no avail? We who have watched radio grow and writhe through the last fifteen or twenty years in some strange manner retain the feeling that the days of the electrose insulator and the rotary spark gap were good days, and our reflections never fail to be cloaked in a rosy glow of satisfaction. Personally, we have many times tried to analyze these feelings, and have arrived at the conclusion the real essence of these fond memories must lie in the good fellowship which was prevalent among all amateurs at that time.

Many things tend to prove this theory. We were all in the same boat as far as practical knowledge was concerned. The brilliant pages of radio history had no mark upon them. We all operated simultaneously (with gosh awful results) on one band, and drained the power company to the dregs in order to discuss the weather with another earnest soul, enmeshed in four hundred foot of cage antenna, located just across town. We learned to know one another intimately, and would gather at the local meeting place to discuss our trials and tribulations, our successes and failures.

Then, with knowledge, came the widening of the amateur's spectrum, and we were no longer the closely knit group which gathered to attack mutual problems. Our problems became widely varied, and our activities, likewise. We operated different frequencies, and no longer were in direct association with our fellow hams. We knew them less and less until at last we have become amateur individualists, locking the door to many personal friendships, and denying ourselves the multitude of advantages that only fraternity and co-operation can bring.

Now, with the clouds of war hanging over the entire universe, the amateurs world has again been turned topsy-turvy and with our DX activity sharply curtailed and other operations brought almost to a standstill, we are forced to look about us for some new worlds to conquer, come new phase of the game upon which to vent our energy and enthusiasm.

We, of the Indianapolis Radio Club, believe the answer to this burning question is already at hand. It is our firm belief that in Ultra-high Frequency operation will be found the vital interest necessary to the life of the amateur radio operator. We feel, also, that due to the very nature of operating at these frequencies, we cannot help but be drawn together as we have never have been drawn together in the past decade. With your help, we can reclaim the spirit of the Good Old Days, and turn it into many Good New Days, to come.

We are proud of our club, fellows, and we would be mighty proud to have you in it. Come out - - - join with us,

LET'S GO U. H. F.

Indianapolis Radio Club, Inc.
by Paul W. Nelson, Secretary.

SPLATTER

If the melodious baritone of W9TG seems a bit muffled in the near future, it's just because good ole Doc is having his oral cavity renovated. (The dentist told Doc that if he didn't have those two teeHH yanked out, his growth would be stunted). We have always wondered whether or not Truthful Gentleman was an appropriate nickname for Doc, but we feel now that Tough Guy would better suit the case, because he submits to the extractions without benefit of novocaine.

We found out the other day just how our friend Willie of Morristown developed his marvelous reach at the table. Seems that Willie, some time ago, purchased a power supply at Vans' Radio Emporium, and lugged the thing all the way to Sears Parking lot, where he had Jumpin Jenny tethered. It was a terrific strain, boys, and his arms are now four inches longer than before. Maybe we shouldn't mention it now, but next time, Willie, try Sears FREE bus service from Monument Circle directly to the store - - - then you won't have to argue with Van about who should pay for lengthening your sleeves.

Of course we know it isn't so, but some guy told us that some guy told him that some guy say Leroy Kerst holding hands with a beautiful waitress the other day. Wonder how these rumors get started, anyway?

Hold your hats, boys, and be on the lookout for Prof. Whataschnozzle M. Davis. He's got his inventin' britches on, and anything is liable to happen.

Advocates of daylight saving time are hereby advised to contact Roy Waggoner, W9YMV, before taking a final stand on the subject. Better talk to him on the phone, fellows, he gets a bit rabid on the subject.

Bert Bucy, the only Indianapolis ham who sings his CQ, wants to inform all and sundry that Bucy is spelled without an E. After all, Bert, it's the way they spell it on the pay check that counts.

We figure that getting fined ten cents for addressing a fellow ham as Mr., is getting off cheaply as compared to what we get "fined" when we address a fellow ham as "Doc", and mean it.

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